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Sch. Matchless, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
Sch. Emilia Enos, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Morning Star, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Terra Nova, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Annie Perry, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. North Star, 2500 haddock.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2800 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$3; cusk, \$2.50.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Dauntless will now fit for Maine coast pollock seining under command of Capt. Thomas Downey.  
Capt. James McLean is here to fit sch. Diana for south seining.

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## NEW TREATY WITH ENGLAND

### Proposed Pact To Include Fisheries Dispute.

#### PROVIDES FOR COMMISSION.

#### Modus Vivendi of Last Year To Be Renewed This Season.

A despatch from Washington yesterday says:

A treaty has been drafted between the United States and Great Britain providing for the appointment of a joint commission to consider all of the complex questions connected with the water boundaries between Canada and the United States.

This will include such questions as the disposition of the waters of the great lakes, the regulation of the use of water at Niagara Falls for power purposes; the navigation of the St. John river between Maine and New Brunswick, and the whole general subject of fisheries regulations, not only for the great lakes, but for the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard.

This treaty will require the approval of the United States senate to become effective, but it is possible that an arrangement in the nature of a modus vivendi will be reached between Secretary Root and Ambassador Bryce in the near future.

Ambassador Sternberg and Secretary Root have reached the basis of a temporary modus vivendi which will continue to American goods imported into Germany the privilege of the minimum tariff rates. The modus vivendi will be taken to Germany by Ambassador Sternberg for submission to the Reichstag, which must approve the arrangement.

Another Washington despatch says:

In another quarter it was said today that the Newfoundland dispute would be handled separately, but that the modus vivendi of last season would be renewed for fishing in the coming season. The treaty provides for a commission and cannot be ratified for several months, probably not for a year.

Secretary Root would not discuss the proposed commission, but it will probably be composed of representatives of the United States and Great Britain, and possibly of a representative from some neutral nation. It is not known what powers the commission will have, or whether their conclusions must be approved in whole or in part by the senate.

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## 400,000,000 COD TO BE FREED.

### Record Season Predicted for Fish Planting.

#### HATCHING METHOD IMPROVED.

#### Gloucester One of Points Where Fry Will Be Distributed.

A despatch from Washington yesterday says:

If the waters of New England are not soon teeming with countless codfish, it will not be the fault of the Bureau of Fisheries. Indications are that all record in "baby cod" planting will be broken this season.

The regular cod-hatching operations are now in progress at three stations, located at Woods Hole and Gloucester, and Boothbay, Me., where there are now more than 400,000,000 eggs—although it is not known who counted them.

The eggs, according to the experts at the fish commission here who are in charge of the work which keeps up the great cod industry of New England are obtained from two sources. The principal supply comes from cod that have been caught for the market, and are already on their way to the Boston, New York and other markets, or have already been eaten. Agents of the bureau board the fishing vessels, ship and fertilize the eggs from any "ripe" fish that may have been caught, and then send the eggs to the hatcheries. By this means hundreds of millions of eggs are saved that would otherwise be thrown overboard and lost.

At Woods Hole another method is followed. There live cod caught with lines on Nantucket Shoals, are kept in floating cars at the station, and from time to time their eggs are expressed from them and transferred to the hatching jars. As all the eggs do not ripen at the same time, it is necessary to handle each fish a number of times during the season.

The cod being large and unwieldy, the cold often being intense, this method involves much hard work and exposure, and the brood fish are sometimes killed by the formation of an anchor ice before all of their eggs have been obtained. The cod that survive the winter, the rough handling and the vicissitudes of spawning are released to swim away and perhaps to be caught and made to contribute baby cod some other day.

The fish commission announces that this season another method has been tried for the first time. It is said to have many advantages. The brood cod of both sexes are placed in a large pool or tank in which there is a constant inflow of seawater, the outlet being a narrow, shallow sluice with a gentle fall. The fish are fed regularly and kept in good condition and allowed to spawn naturally.

As the eggs are deposited they rise to the surface, flow over the sluice and are deposited on a wire screen, whence they are collected and transferred to the hatching boxes.

In this way no handling of the cod is required all the eggs in a given fish are obtained, and the eggs are of better quality and a larger percentage hatch than in any other method.

Cod culture has proved a great success. Fish Commissioner Bowers said today that the increased value of the cod catch due to artificial propagation exceeds the total appropriation for the maintenance of the bureau of fisheries. The number of young fish on the regular ground has been increased, and the culture has led to the establishment of fisheries on inshore grounds that never before had noteworthy runs of cod.

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#### Pacific Halibut for Chicago.

A Chicago firm is to enter into the halibut fishing trade on the Pacific coast next season, a steamer being now under construction at the Moran yards at Seattle for this company. A British Columbia correspondent for the Pacific Marine Review, says in this regard:

"This marks the entry of the Pacific coast 'chicken halibut' into the Chicago fish markets and of the markets of the Middle West—markets which heretofore have depended upon the whitefish of the lakes."

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## HEAVY NORTHEASTER.

### Held Seining Fleet Three Days at Hampton Roads.

#### Fare of Sch. Patrician Taken 25 Miles Off Cape Henry.

A special to the Times from Mr. William Baulch, at Fortress Monroe, Va., states that the fare of sch. Patrician, which was landed there on Saturday, was landed at Mr. Baulch's establishment, where the fish were barreled and shipped by fast freight to Wilson & Barry, Fulton Market, New York. In size, the fish were a little better than average mediums, and the school was caught last Thursday, 25 miles east southeast of Cape Henry.

Since Friday morning a heavy northeast gale has been in progress, and has continued unabated until Sunday, when it has begun to abate a little. A very heavy sea is running outside and almost the entire fleet of macrel seiners and bluefishermen sought harbor at Hampton Roads. On Sunday, fully 40 vessels were in the fleet that made shelter harbor, among them being schs. A. M. Nicholson, Arthur James, Priscilla Smith, Arabia, Grayling, Constellation, Avalon, Lottie G. Merchant, Esperanto, Marguerite Haskins, Ralph L. Hall, Colonial, Patrician, Annie Greenlaw, Veda M. McKown, Saladin, Corona, Arthur Binney and Natalie B. Nickerson of the seining fleet.

No mishaps are reported to any of the vessels and all hands are well. The fishermen enjoy very much getting and reading the many copies of the Times, which were sent to them there.

Among the bluefishermen who landed at Fortress Monroe last week are schs. Latham, 6700; Edith M. Prior, 19,000; Roulette, 12,000; Faustina, 12,000. The fish are all small.

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#### BIG HALIBUT FARE.

### Sch. Tacoma Arrives with Over 50,000 Pounds Desirable Fish.

Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson, arrived from Grand Bank this morning, and it did not need a practised eye to tell from the looks of her that she had on board another of those big halibut trips for which her captain is noted. The crew hailed the fare for 50,000 pounds but it is safe to say that the vessel will weigh out more than that. Although prices took a drop this morning, still they are good, and all hands stand to take a dandy check as they result of their recent sea labors.

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#### INFLUX OF FISHERMEN.

### About 300 Came Here Sunday To Go Rips Fishing.

There was a big influx of fishermen Sunday afternoon, most of the men coming down from Boston on the afternoon trains. These men come here early, most of them from Nova Scotia, and all of them will ship on vessels which will go Rips fishing this spring and summer. This fleet this season will be the largest ever known and will probably number over 50 sail, meaning employment for 750 men.

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#### Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Tacoma sold to the American Halibut Co., those of schs. Theodore Roosevelt and Claudia to the New England Fish Co., and those of the Georges handliners, Carrie C., Ella G. King, William H. Rider, Ralph Russell and Pauline to Gardner & Parsons, each at 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

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#### Poor Georges Trips.

The fleet of Georges handline codfishermen which have come from their spring trips have almost without exception done poorly, indeed the work of the fleet as a whole on the spring trip is the poorest for years.



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**Will Have To Take Clam Bait.**  
Sch. Alcina is at Boston fitting out for Rips fishing. Her captain says he has been unable to get cockle bait and will have to take clams on this first trip.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Volant, Georges, 9000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.

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Haddockers' fresh halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

### Boston.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 21,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 16,000 haddock.

Sch. Mystery, 22,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 27,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Shepherd King, 12,000 haddock, 3800 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Flirt, 65,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 2000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.60 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; cusk, \$2.50.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock of this port was at Edgartown on Sunday for a baiting of alewives. This bait is selling there at \$1.25 per hundred count.

Quite a number of the vessels of the Rips fishing fleet are now fitting out for the season's fishing, among them schs. E. C. Hussey, Thalia, Olympia, Patriot, Grace Otis

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### OVER \$100 SHARE.

### Sch. Tacoma Stocked Over \$4000 on Her Halibut Trip.

The crew of sch. Tacoma feel pretty good today, and well they might, for yesterday they each took down a nice check for \$101.05 to show for their recent halibut trip. The vessel weighed off 60,000 pounds of halibut, one of the largest trips of the season, and stocked thereon \$4152. On his last three trips, Capt. Nickerson has stocked in the neighborhood of \$13,000 and the crew have shared around \$300 to a man, which is certainly "going some" in the halibut fishery in these times.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. James McHenry, stocked \$2513.93 as the result of her recent fine halibut trip, the crew sharing \$55.97.

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### MORE RESTRICTIONS.

### Newfoundland Legislature Votes To Amend Its Customs Act.

In the closing session of the Newfoundland legislature on motion of the minister on finance a bill to amend the customs act was put through all its stages. It forbids Canadian or American vessels to engage in the coasting trade on the same terms of local vessels, i.e., by their entering at the customs once every half-year, requiring them, on the contrary, to enter and clear at every port. The bill also provides for a new method of fixing the value of imports, in assessing the duties thereon, when entry was offered for them at the customs, in order to prevent frauds which were now practiced. After some comments by Messrs. Blandford, Cashin and Lloyd it went through unamended.

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### NEW BIG CONCERN.

### United States Fish and Glue Co. of This City Incorporated.

Among the new concerns which took out articles of incorporation in this state last week was the United States Fish and Glue Company of this city. The capital stock is \$150,000 and the incorporators are Harold K. Smith, James A. Colby and F. M. Stewart.

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### Fresh Mackerel at Boston.

About 2500 fish from the mackerel fare of sch. Patrician arrived at Boston from New York yesterday.

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### Boston.

Sch. Rose Standish, 6500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 16,000 haddock, 24,000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 cusk, 400 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.; cod, \$4 to \$6; cusk, \$5.50; pollock, \$5.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. H. M. McKown has given up command of sch. Rob Roy and will now fit sch. Elmer E. Gray for a pollock seining trip to the Maine coast.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley will fit for fished halibut trip under command of Capt. Henry Arsenault.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman will fit later for salt banking under command of Capt. Firth.

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### AS HOWLEY SEES IT.

### St. John's Lawyer Says We Have Awakened to Treaty Rights.

William R. Howley, Esq., of St. John's, N. F., who was here recently, in connection with the case of shipping men at Bay of Islands, N. F., last winter, on sch. Ralph L. Hall of this port, in talking over the modus vivendi and kindred matters, on his return to St. John's, said, among other things:

"The summer of 1907 is likely to witness a determined assertion of American treaty rights, that cannot be other than injurious to every fisherman on the northern and eastern coasts. Even now the Americans are beginning to fit out an extensive fleet for the Labrador fishery, and our hardy fishermen of Conception, Trinity, Bonavista, and Notre Dame Bays will, Mr. Howley fears, find themselves seriously interfered with, because the United States fishing interests have been awakened to the full exercise of all that the treaties allow them."

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### CLEAR OF ICE.

### Straits of Canso Now Free from Winter Embargo.

A despatch from Port Mulgrave, N. S., states that the straits of Canso are now free from ice and once more open to navigation, after being blocked all winter.

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### IS A SUCCESS.

### Says Capt. Thomas of the Steam Otter Trawler Spray.

The principal arrival at T wharf, Boston, yesterday was the steam trawler Spray, with 28,000 pounds of mixed fresh fish. Capt. Oliver B. Thomas stated that he was six days on the trip, and that the weather during that time had been extremely boisterous, giving the crew little or no chance to make a set on account of the fearful rough sea which was experienced on Georges nearly the whole time.

As the question has been asked by scores of people regarding the success of the Spray during the last six months of her career, her skipper, Capt. Oliver B. Thomas, has given out the following statement for publication:

"Of course, I was put there to do what I could in making the Spray a success, and I have already achieved what I started out to do. The fact is that I have lost no time either while in port or out at sea. I was careful in selecting an efficient mate in the person of Capt. Michael T. Greene of Roxbury. Besides I have a sober and industrious crew who are always ready and willing when the Spray is about to start for the fishing grounds.

"At the same time a lot of credit is due the owners of the Spray, of whom most are wholesale fish dealers on T wharf and Atlantic avenue. Any suggestion of mine towards improvement on the vessel is carried out, regardless of cost, which helps me out in a great measure towards success in this new enterprise, as the Spray is the only fishing craft of her kind on this side of the Atlantic."

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### Good Stock.

Sch. Seaconnet, Capt. Jameson, one of the market boats, stocked over \$1000 at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, as the result of her four days trip, the crew sharing \$49.

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Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges via Boston, 27,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Flirt, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

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### Boston.

Sch. Laura Enos, 6000 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Thomas H. Cromwell, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Steamer Spray, 27,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt.; cod, \$4 to \$5.25.

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### Herring Off Here.

Some of the shore boats, which took some pollock off here yesterday, in dressing the fish found some fine large new herring in their stomachs. By this they believe that there are herring off here now.

### Quick Trip.

Sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, arrived this morning from a Grden bank halibut trip with a nice fare of 25,000 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of salt cod. The vessel was gone only three weeks.

### Bait at Mattapoisett.

John Nagle & Co. state that beginning Monday, they will be able to bait vessels with alewives at Mattapoisett.